RUSSIANS DEFEATED IN BORDER BATTLES. TURKS NOW REPORT

Constantinople Claims Ottoman Victories in Lake Van Region-Reign of Terror in Asia Minor.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. & Fighting between the Turco-Russias forces along the Persian border has been wated flercely for three days. The Turks have been victorious. An official statement says:

The Russian attacks east of Lake Va-(Rurdistan) have been unsuccessful. Our troops, advancing from Revandus, have secupled Soujbulats, an important Russian point of support, in the Province of Azer-

In Transcaupasis, also, Turkish successes are claimed.
The statement continues:
"Near Adjars we have gained new successes over the Russians, capturing camben and ammunition."
These claims, particularly that of vice These claims, particularly that of vic-tory on the Persian border, are directly contradictory to Russian announcements

PETROGRAD Dec. E.

A Tiffis message says after several days of hot fighting the Ruesians have won a success on the Perso-Turkish frontier, having received substantial assistance the Armenian irregulars and the

population.

At one critical juncture an Armenian priest pointed out the Turkish artillery on the summit of a hill and offered to raise guides to lead the Russian troops to it. The offer was accepted.

The Russians divided into two parts, One made a frontal attack. The other, under direction of the Armenian guides, got into the rear. After two days' battle

destroyed.

At another point the battle lasted three days. Finally the Russians clinched matters with a bayonet charge. On the Presensk front a whole division of the ragular Turkish cavalry was destroyed.

BERNE, Dec. 8. Private advices from Asia Minor indi-cate that the situation in Palestine and Syria is serious.

Turkish troops are looting homes and shops everywhere, and the commandeering of all visible supplies is being carried on to an alarming extent. The missionary hospitals at Jarusalem and Damascus have been robbed of all surgical instruments and medicines.

A German military governor is in characteristics.

A German military governor is in charge of Damascus and the surrounding country, and the Germans have set up a wireless station on the Mount of Olives.

ALLIES TAKE TOWN AND DRIVE WEDGE

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In North Poland it is reported that the Russians lost 1500 men in an action. The German army there is bothy pursuing the

fee. In Southern Poland the Russian attacks at Pietrkow have been repulsed.

Expectation is high here for another great German victory. The army of invasion is massing for a new drive on

Warsaw is now the goal of the German Warsaw is now the goal of the German armies in Poland following the fall of Lodg. This is made clear in an official review of the military situation issued here today. It says concerning Warsaw:
"If the forestment of Warsaw should result from the present operations it would rob the Russians of their most important railway communications and pur "If the fivestment of Warsaw should result from the present operations it would not the Russians of their most important railway communications and put them in a serious position."

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German military experts derive great anceuragement from the faut that the latest Russian reports are much less confident than heretofore.

Topoits sent from Russia that the Caar's troops defeated the Germans in an attack at Czenstochowa with heavy lesses on November 2 are denied with this fellowing statement:

"The contrary is true; an attack by the Min Russian army corps, which advanced until only 60 metres from the German freet, was defeated on that day. The Russians left a very great number of Russians left a very great le

CZAR STRAIGHTENS CENTRE TO PROTECT WARSAW

German Casualties at Lods 100,000, Petrograd Says.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 8. The Russian army in western Poland, whose centre was driven from the city of Lods after desperate hand-to-hand fighting, has straightened its line for a estermined resistance against the German drive toward Warsaw, 75 miles to the northeast.

min drive loward Wareaw, 70 miles to the northeast.

The capture of Lods by the Germans, it is hald, furnishes no particular arrategic advantage, as the city is unfortished. However, it marks an advance of several miles from the German position, which for two weeks had occupied a fruit west of the places extending 25 miles from Szadek to Strvkof.

The winning of the city, unofficial disputables say, cost the Germans heavily, according to the Bourze Gazeite, their seas in the fighting around Lods in the last mustin have reached 100,000. This would represent one-fifth of the total strength of the force.

This fall of Lods has not been official report from Berlin seasons the official report from Berlin seasons the official report from Berlin seasons the as true.

RUSSIA ADMITS GERMAN OCCUPATION OF LODZ

"Atrategio Withdrawal" Mecessary, Says Ferrograd War Office. PRITIOGRAD, INC. & Bissessi withdrawed from Lotte he strategic reasons, says as off-charges in the avery safety here lodgy, which admits a Beet line the advance claimed Chromany of the city, care the state-pool, have equition the Brassers faths a frant with my advection; , and result have posited the of to threaten the Blastein line of

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SIX NEW CORPS STRENGTHEN GERMAN OFFENSE IN POLAND

Western Battle Front Drawn on for Reinforcements.

PETROGRAD, Dec. & That the Germans were able to make a vigorous attack for eight days up to December 5 by the arrival of reinforce-ments of 81% army corps, about 26,000 men, and five cavairy divisions is ad-mitted in an official statement issued here

A part of the new troops came from the

A part of the new troops came from the western battle area, it is stated, and others were new formations. Owing to lack of cobasion, the Germana suffered great loss, it is asserted.

The official statement today that the "desire to retain Lods would prove inconvenient in many important respects" is accepted as confirming the German reports that Lods has been captured.

The further statement that the defense of Lods "temains to be revised" is taken as additional stidence that the Germans now occupy the city and have made it one of the principal points in their line.

RUSSIANS HAMPERED IN MOVES OF MONTH OF POLISH CAMPAIGN

German Reinforcements. Damaged Roads, Broken Transportation Lines Obstacles to Progress, "Eyewitness" Review States.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 8 A detailed review of military opera lons in Poland from the 1st of November up to the middle of last week, written by an "eyewitness" on the staff of Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian com mander-in-chief, was issued by general madquarters today.

The narative follows "At the end of October our troops were ursuing the German and Austrian forces which were retreating toward the southwest. A front was established along the Warthe and Nidsitza Rivers, where the enemy was strongly protected by his right wing, and where our offensive was nampered by the necessity of stopping to epair roads which had previously been torn up. The enemy profited by these conditions which were imposed upon us. and was given time to repair his railway

RIGHT WING MENACED. It was at this time that we learned of menace to the right wing of the Russian army and threatened its lines of com-

"On the Silesian front the progress of our other armies facing Austro-German forces was barred by Austrians brought up from Galicia and supported by Ger-"A modification of our front toward

the north was carried out. (Note-By modification the writer means a retire-"This was carried out under the pro

tection of our right wing, which had to face a series of vigorous attacks near Wlociawek, on the Vistula: Leczyca, 23 miles north of Lods, and Kutno, 20 miles

northeast of Lecayca.

"Having impeded the Germans in the fighting at the points mentioned, we developed the necessary force to check the

history of the world, are declared to be approaching a declaive climax.

"That news of declaive actions in the sail may be expected any day," says the efficial review. "Is shown by latest reports from headquarters that everything a proceeding according to program. This can mean only that the operations thus far have been successful.

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of their reinforcements, showed that a considerable portion of German soldiers have been sent to reinforce the Austrians in Galicia, south of Cracow. Austrian knoops were withdrawn from the Cracow-Czenstochowa line for the same purpose."

LED BY KING, SERVIANS BEAT BACK AUSTRIANS

Drive Foe Out of Suvobor and March on Valjevo.

ROME, Dec. 8.

Following the resumption of the offensive by the Servian armies under the leadership of Hing Peter in person, the Austrians are reliving to the north, says a depatch from Nish to the Messagero. The Servians have recaptured Tajdau and Suvobor and are now marching on Vatievo.

200,000 RUSSIANS AT CRACOW PETROGRAD. Dec. 8.—Russian guns are now! hammering at the outer defenses of Cracow. It is reported here today that General Dimmries has reached the city with a force of more than 200,000. The Austrian forces outside the city have withdrawn, it is deciared.



THE RUSSIAN INTRUDER "Ouch! There's a lot of salt in this German honey!"

DEEDS OF DARING, ROMANCE AND COMEDY OF GREAT WAR

In a letter from the front, a promi- | relief of British subjects in Germany and nent English football player, now serving in the Royal Field Artillery, says:

"The great match for the European Cup is still being played out, and I dare say there's a record gate, though you cannot see the spectators from the field. That's one of the rules of the game when this match is on. In spite of all their 'swank,' the Germans haven't scored a goal yet, and they are simply kicking at the ball any way in their blind rage at not being able to score.

"Our team is about as fit as you could save them, and they are all good men, though some of them are 'amateurs,' and the removal of German troops toward the the Germans are all 'pros' (professionwhich operation constituted a am). The Germans' forwards are a rotten pack. They have no dash worth speaking about and they come up the field as though they were going to the funeral of their nearest and dearest. When they are charged they nearly always fall away on their backs, and their toulkeeping is about the rottenest thing you ever set eyes on.

you ever set eyes on.
"I wouldn't give a brass farthing for their chance of lifting the cup, and if you have any 'brass' to spare you can put it on the Franco-British team, who are scoring goals so fast that they haven't time to stop to count them. The Kaiser makes a rotten captain for any team, and it's little wonder they are losing. Most of our chaps would like to tell him what they think of him like to tell him what they think of him and his team."

"Captain Stewart's wife and his father and mother are proud and happy that he has died for his country's honor and

a scrap of paper."
This is the family tribute paid to the memory of Captain Bertrand Stewart, of Sir John French's staff, recently killed Sir John French's staff, recently killed in action. Captain Stewart suffered imprisonment in Germany for alleged eaplionage at the time of the Morocco crisis, but was released when the King and Queen visited Berlin last year.

When he was on trial, Captain Stewart closed his defense with these defiant and prophetic words:

"If your distinguished country ever attacks mine I hope to be among those who take part in the fight. Even if my own regiment were not called out. I should endeayor to serve with another."

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NEW GERMAN OFFENSIVE.

"On December 5 the Germans attempted an offensive movement in the direction of Miawa and Przasnysz, but were repulsed with severe losses.

"One consequence of the battle of the Lowiez-Lods line, which resulted unfavorably for the Germans, was the bringing up of large forces to their eastern front.

"A change in the grouping of the Austro-German forces, following the arrival of their reinforcements, showed that a considerable average on the Germans."

That there are humorous moments even in the most terrible phases of war is indicated in a letter from a soldier in the Northumberiand Fusiliers describing the fighting during the retreat from Mons.

"I saw my mate blown out of a trench." he says. "He had just before brought a pound of butter for us. I didn't know where that went. I had a loaf of bread strapped to my back all through the fighting, and very glad I was of the chance to eat it dry." was of the chance to eat it dry.

The curtain has been rung down on the British-German Friendship Society, which was organized in 1811 by the late Lord Avebury and Sir Frank Lascelles, formerly British Ambassador in Berlin. At a general meeting of the members it was resolved "that it is desirable that this esclety be wound up forthwith." Its funds are to be distributed for the

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That Germany's declaration of war was due to General Von Moltke's threat to commit harl-karl if the Kalzer delayed action is a sensational story current in Paris. The facts, it is said, are commo knowledge in German military circles. During the final war councils in Berlin. before hostilities were begun, the Kaiser continued to urge a policy of peace. This was against the wishes of General Von Moltke, the chief of the German General Staff, After listening to the Emperor, General Von Moltke half drew his sword from the scabbard and swore he would fall upon the blade unless the Emperor immediately sent an ultimaum to the Czar. What followed is now a matte

Fighting In Poland near Lods, the battle entre for the last two weeks, was marked by many stirring episodes. Concerning hem the correspondent of the Novoe

tery. The centre broke before the hellish fire, but nothing could arrest the onrush of the flanks. They were cut down by the gunners or captured.

"The howitzers cleared a way for the infantry. How unexpected and terrible was this joint attack appeared from the village of Kurpin, where the maddened German soldiers seeking refuge were burned alive."

Chickens of rare pedigree, some of them costing \$100 to \$250 each, have been killed by Paderewski to provide food for war refugees he is sheltering on his beautiful Lake Geneva estate

Army and navy officials are to serve or the hanging committee of the Royal Academy for next year's exhibition, because of the large number of battle paint-

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remy a writes from the front: 'Daring attacks by Siberian cavalry will commemorated in history. In the forest tween Breziny and Kurpin is a continuous German graveyard. One Russian regiment, which had already won renown early in the war, charged a howitzer bat-

AMERICAN HOSPITAL AT NEUILLY PRAISED BY ENGLISHWOMAN

Mother of Wounded British Aviator Also Finds Much to Admire in Devoted Nursing of "Fickle" Frenchwomen.

The hospital at Neuflly, just outside Paris, maintained by Americans, is highly praised by an Englishwoman in letters to relative in Philadelphia. The writer, who went to Paris to care for her wounded son, a member of the Royal Flying Corps, had opportunity of visiting a mim ber of Paris hospitals, and her praise is grounded on excellent standards of com-

grounded on excellent standards of com-parison. First of all, she gives good news concerning her boy:
"You will be relieved to hear that poor Pat has stood this last operation very well, and they think this is now the last of the bullet—he will only have to heat up and grow strong. Like practically every case in the hospitals, his wounds are septic, but with the help of iodine baths that trouble has been nearly con-quered.

quered, "On the day of the operation I was leaving the hospital feeling the most miserable being on earth, with orders not to return until 5 o'clock. I was just wondering how I was to curb my impatience and exist through the afternoon, when my dear American friend. Miss M _____, came up to me and took bodily possession of me in the most des-potte manner. She announced that she had arranged my afternoon for me and hoped I would fall in with her plans with a good grace, as she would not allow me to sit in my hotel alone and mope. Altogether she was most kind and we motored off to the American ambulance

This is the most wonderful hospital I have ever visited; certainly far and away the best equipped in every detail. and I am very grateful to Miss M-for giving me such an enthralling after-noon. I was first taken to the room to which the wounded are brought from the motor ambulance, from that to the room where their clothes are removed, marked and fumigated, then to the linen cup-boards, the bathroom and the wonderful

There is one huge room entirely devoted to the preparation of bandages, dressings, swabs and the many details required and then there is the most per-fect sterilizing department. You can glean that I was greatly impressed by everything I saw and I heartily wished that poor Pat was in these kind and capable hands and being hopelessly spoilt by that dear man whom the officers call y that dear man whom the officers call beir 'Pairy Godfather!' "

A great French military hospital furnished many sights of interest to this observant Englishwoman

"I was privileged yesterday to be taken see the great military hospital at Ver-

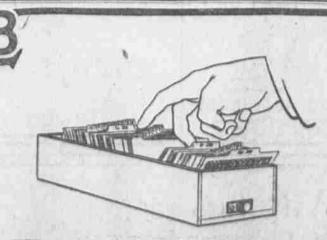


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sallies the Trianon Hotel, which has held as many as 600 patients and just now has about 600. It is in the very able hands of Colonel Smith, R. A. M. C. There are numbers of tents in the grounds full of beds which can be used

"There are 15 German wounded here and they seem to get on quite well with the British soldiers. They seem inclined to be quite friendly on both sides.

"I have been told that a woman spy who is now in prison was caught in this hospital, where she obtained employment hospital, where she obtained employment as a nurse. She used to converse with the soldiers from the front and send details of their experiences to Dutch papers, but she was also discovered to be sending intimate military details by means of a code through Holland to Berlin."

Intimate acquaintance with Frenchwomen under the trials of war has changed the general English view as to the fickleness of the Parisionne. The writer of these letters pays the following glowing tribute:

"I have grown to love these splendld, devoted Frenchwomen in our hospital. I

have told you already what a wonderful work they are doing. I shall never for-get them and I shall miss them very ch. Altogether the Parislans have impressed me. They are so-to me unex-sectedly full of courage and patriotism. "I have always looked on them as most delightful, but inconsequent, changeable, excitable and easily depressed, while, as a matter of fact, I find them calm, selfdenying and capable of continued great effort and sacrifice. I have not seen one sign of a grumbling spirit at the entire disturbance of their normal life. They nust do without motorcars, theatres, notor-buses, politics, art, new frocks, nusic, the society of their men-kind, indeed—sum it up—everything that makes their lives, and instead of complaining, although making no protestations, they exhibit the most wonderful example of devotion to the duty of the finest pa-triotism, and all with the most extraordi-nary cheerfulness.

"I paid a visit to a small hospital in the Rue du Chaillot the other day chiefly to see Sergeant Major U— of the Royal Flying Corps, on Pat's behalf. He was not wounded, but had injured his leg and was rapidly recovering; be was full of praise of his hospital and the very kind matron, Miss W—. His one wish was from a letter from his wife, so I wrote to be placed in the British Red Cross bag, as our letters are subject now to a very long delay owing to the strict censorship, I do hope it will reach her in time for a reply to find poor U— before his return to the front. Really these men of the R. F. C. are a splendid lot, as well as their officers; I have a most intense feeling of pride in every one I come across who is connected with this wonderful corps and I am especially proud of my personal connection through Pat."

Brothers, 24 Gray's Inn road, London.

"2) The British Government has ordered from the Winchester Repeating Arms Company 20,000 riot guns with 50,000 of buck-shot cartridges. The buck-shot cartridges contain nine bullets. The use of these weapons and this ammunition has hitherto been unknown in civilized warfare.

"3) The Union Metallic Cartridge Company, Bridgeport, Conn., on October 20, secured, through Frank O. Hoagland, a patent for a mushroom bullet." It has since October 8,000,000 cartridges, made according to this patent, were sent by the slove mentioned firm to Canada for use in the British army. No outside sign distinguishes these bullets from ordinary ammunition, so that the soldier who uses them does not know that he is using dum-dum bullets." I paid a visit to a small hospital in

DUMDUM BULLETS FOR BRITISH MADE IN U. S., GERMANS SAY

Embassy at Washington Files Protest Against Ammunition Manufactured by American Companies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2. That the British Government has purchased millions of "buckshot cartridges" and "mushroom bullets" from American firms and proposes to use them in violation of the rules of international warfare, today was charged by the German Embassy here.

The statement issued by the embassy says:

"New proofs of violations of the rules f international law by British troops have been found by the German Gov-

"(1) Soft-nosed cartridges have been

islivered by a wounded soldler of the

88th Connaught Rangers Regiment on his return from France. They were given to that regiment before the battle of Mons, mixed with regular infantry were given to the Duke of Wellington's infantry corps on August 8. Both kinds of dum-dum bullets were made by Ely Brothers, 254 Gray's Inn road, London

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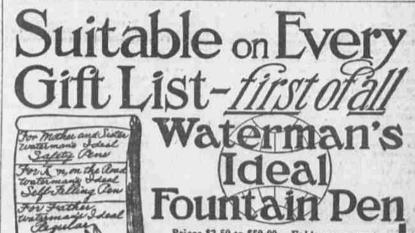
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